

with different WUPyV and KIPyV subtypes. We conclude that WUPyV and KIPyV are frequently present in young children. Additional studies are needed to confirm the suggestion from this study that both viruses may be associated with respiratory disease.

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Chimera

[ki-mir'ə]

From the Greek *Khimaira*, Latin *Chimaera*; she-goat. In Greek mythology: a composite creature with the body and head of a lion, a goat's head rising from its back, and a serpent's tail. In science: an individual organism whose body contains cell populations derived from different zygotes, of the same or different species. Each population of cells keeps its own character, and the resulting animal is a mixture of tissues. Chimera also refers to a substance created from proteins or genes of 2 species, as by genetic engineering. Chimerism is rare in humans; ~40 cases have been reported.

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